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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Special Operations
FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

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1. Thanks for your attached message regarding the cable on
the [redacted]. The cable seems to have been handled
expeditiously insofar as dispatch, receipt, deciphering, etc., is
concerned. Possibly in comparable cases quicker dissemination to
OCIO and other offices can be arranged.

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2. Regarding paragraph 3 of your memorandum, the purpose of
a flash message is not to try to beat the Press service, which
obviously is impossible, but to permit us officially to confirm
the happening of an important event of this kind. For example,
in this case the President's Office telephoned us from Key West
for confirmation of the [redacted] story. We had to do this on the
basis of a G-2 report in the absence of anything in hand in our
own office.

ALLEN W. DULLES

Enc.

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